

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICATION NO. : 10/026,301 CONFIRMATION NO. 8087
APPLICANT : De Billot *et al.*
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EXAMINER : Alton Nathaniel Pryor
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is filed in response to the non-final Office Action mailed April 15, 2009, and is being filed electronically. The response is intended to be fully responsive to each and every issue that was raised in the most recent Action. It is believed to be timely in view of the Notice of Appeal filed on July 30, 2009. This response is filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination.

There are no **Amendments to the Specification.**

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

There are no **Amendments to the Drawings.**

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.